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by Eric Ellis

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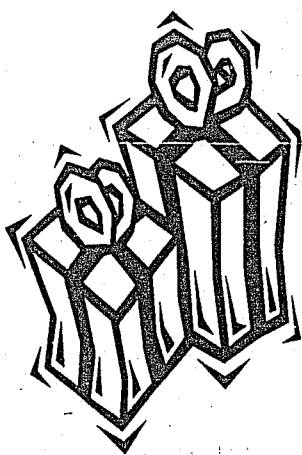
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## top 10

### Top Ten least desirable Christmas gifts this year

by Asencion Ramirez  
Opinion Editor

10. Doggy chew toys for boys and girls.
9. Dictionaries of any kind, no matter how well they're wrapped.
8. Marv Albert's Tickle-Me-Hair-Weave.
7. Power Wheel's Unsinkable Titanic Kiddy Boat.
6. Tommy and Pamela Lee's "Merry XXX-Mas" home video.
5. "Rock 'em, Sock 'em, Bite Their Ear's Off," Mike Tyson's tabletop boxing game.
4. Tickets to the Humanitarian Bowl.
3. Table Rock Cafe's Indestructible Fruit Cake.
2. December Ski passes to Bogus Basin.
1. The new book on Houston Nutt, "How to beat the University of Idaho, or one year in paradise."



Congratulations to Kara Brown, outgoing photo editor. Party on in the real world!



## Jonny ponders the universe?



I knew forthright that some were more deceptive than others, but why construct such fallacies when truth is the greatest gift of all?

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# !OPINION!!

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## What's with this sudden interest in fraternities?

by ASENCION RAMIREZ

Opinion Editor

Last year it was "Tickle-me-Elmo," this year's Christmas craze it about bringing social fraternities and sororities to campus. Cynics saw through the Elmo-Craze as a money making scheme, but what's with the sudden interest in bringing more fraternities and sororities to campus?

This year various fraternal organizations have visited or are planning to visit the campus. The ASBSU executive journeyed to a Florida conference to learn how to attract the organizations that are, for the most part, absent from the largest of Idaho's campuses. An informational meeting was held in the Senate Forum for those students who were interested in joining a new fraternal group. Student Residential Life is looking to dedicate a floor or two in one of its halls to housing a fraternity/sorority, against the wishes of the Residence Hall Association.

So it seems that this is bigger than Elmo, not just a passing fancy, and a sign of bigger things to come. What are the motives, though, behind the sudden activism? Ask those involved and they'll probably say things like making the campus more traditional, getting students more involved with campus life, and providing more "fun" activities for the students. I guess it's all well and good, but the ulterior motives should get some equal air-time too.

ASBSU President T.J. Thomson represents a break in recent tradition. Since 1994 the ASBSU presidency seemed entrenched in hands of the Kappa Sigma

Fraternity. The groups close-knittedness provided for a quickly -assembled campaign machine, free labor at hand and connections across the campus. T.J.'s break though, seems more accidental than an actual change in the status quo. He was a member of the fraternity until last year's student body elections got into full swing. T.J. wouldn't comment on it then for The Arbiter. By the way, both of the opposition ticket last year were Kappa Sig members.

Perhaps today, T.J. is looking to open up a political power base that isn't tied to his old group.

The Student Residential Life decision seems more akin to the Elmo situation, in that it is based on financial issues. The end of the Asia University at America Program and the usual slew of fall semester departures leave rooms to be filled in the various halls. SRL has done a lot to make its accommodations more appealing: the D-Wing addition to Chaffee Hall, renovations in Morrison and Driscoll Halls, and not raising room fees over the last few years. Unfortunately or fortunately, depending on perspective, SRL has to compete with the largest housing market of any city in Idaho. Many local students have chosen to live at home. Others have chosen to rent from the many available housing units, or, for those moneyed few, buy homes in area.

If SRL does provide a floor for one of the new fraternal groups, it will provide a living unit that current fraternities have been unable to maintain due to financial or other problems. Plus, alcohol-related stigma, that fraternities across the nation have encountered, would hopefully be avoided under SRL's watchful

eye.

Speaking of stigmas, don't look for any direct help from the men at the top of the BSU food chain. When the issue of attracting fraternities was brought up at last month's President's Round Table, Vice President Dr. David Taylor said that the burgeoning Greek system that once existed at BSU was damaged by the stigmas associated with fraternities. Incidents of alcohol poisoning and hazing have tarnished the public's image of Greek groups. He also added that students were choosing to spend their free time on other clubs and organizations on campus rather than with fraternities and sororities. Taylor didn't say it, but it looked like the Round Table- that also includes President Ruch, Provost Daryl Jones and Vice President Buster Neel, didn't want to touch the subject with a tenfoot pole.

Whether or not some folks'— stockings are stuffed or not remains to be seen. The next year will surely hold sugar plums for some and lumps of coal for those who deserve it.

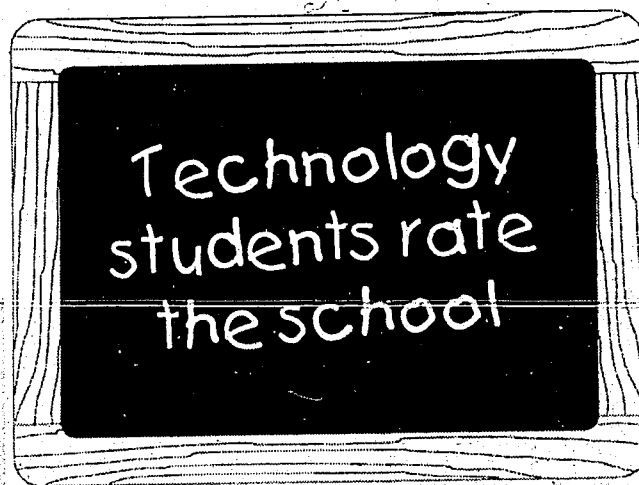
## ASBSU VIEWS

by CAROLYN FARRUGIA

College of Applied Technology Senator  
Results as of 11/11/97

After surveying 168 (out of 300 surveys distributed) students within the College of Applied Technology, I thought it would prove beneficial for all students to know how their peers feel about various issues on campus. Below is a list of items students were surveyed on, and the percentage of negative, positive and unsure responses.

Topic in Question	%Negative	% Positive	%Don't Know
• Parking Availability	79.76%	12.50%	7.74%
• Campus Safety	15.48%	68.45%	16.07%
• Current Library Hours	4.76%	70.24%	25.00%
• Cleanliness of Bathrooms/ Classrooms	31.55%	67.26%	1.19%
• Availability of Computer Labs	29.76%	61.31%	8.93%
• Availability of Counselors/Advisors	16.07%	73.21%	10.71%
• Information given by Counselor/Advisor	18.45%	67.26%	14.29%
• Option of Honors Recognition prior to Graduation	11.31%	36.31%	52.38%
• Brown Bag Luncheons	10.12%	17.86%	72.02%
• Other Services (i.e. Writing, Career Center etc.)	7.14%	67.86%	25.00%



There were a variety of students who also wrote their concerns and ideas for change on the surveys. Some of the responses include:

- Update the computer labs with new equipment and software.
- Have computer labs stay open later on Saturdays and Sundays.
- A type of Fall Break is needed between Labor Day and Thanksgiving.
- Students in the Machine Tool Technology Program shouldn't be required to take Autocad.
- Students want better parking!
- There needs to be more pay phones, copiers and vending machines near the Technology side of campus.
- There needs to be more awareness of upcoming events on campus.
- Have more scholarships available for the Spring Semester.
- The Bachelor of Applied Science Program needs refining in order to allow students to use their core classes from their Associate of Applied Science Degree.
- Have electronic courses available at the Canyon County Campus.
- The College of Applied Technology and the rest of campus need to come together as one entity.
- Students want better library hours (especially on weekends).
- Increase awareness of campus safety issues.

If you have any questions or comments regarding these survey results, please call 385-1440, or stop by the Senate Office. Senate meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Forum. Stop by and see your senators at work. Thanks again to all students who participated in the survey. YOUR VOICE COUNTS!



# Traffic problems no laughing matter

by BARBARA HELLEN NAAMANI  
Guest Columnist

**A**s I walk or drive around campus, I am amazed that students, instructors, or the general public are not killed, maimed or injured in droves every single day.

I started at BSU a year ago, and by November was run over twice by hit and run drivers. The first time by a young man who decided to play with his clutch when I was directly behind him. His pick-up truck drifted back almost five feet hitting me and knocking me into the car behind him. I guess he did not appreciate me calling him a dit-brain, because he took off at the speed of light, never to be seen or heard from again.

The second time I was hit I was crossing the street, (in the crosswalk) on my bicycle. There were pedestrians in front of and behind me and the cars were stopped. I thought I was safe since there were more pedestrians behind me and I was reasonably close to the people in front of me. Unfortunately I was, almost dead, wrong. A fellow in a white-over-green jeep decided he did not want to wait another 30 seconds for the rest of the pedestrians so tried to go before they got to him. I tried to stop before he hit me. I almost made it, but his bumper hit my front tire and knocked my bike over on top of me. To make matters worse, all the students around me and standing on the sidewalk thought it was either hilarious or they were ticked off that I was in their way. Some were laughing hysterically and pointing at me, others were cursing at me, and one young man kicked me in the back of the head and ordered me to "get the @#&~ out of the way!"

With 21 pounds of books on my back and my bicycle on top of me, it was hardly likely that I was going to spring jovially to my feet and dash out of the street. I had no idea if I was hurt or not, and I was flabbergasted that not one person came to my aid. Adding insult to injury, I began having severe pain in my jaw, arm, head and neck. I went to my neurologist and discovered that two disks in my neck had been injured and I had to have

surgery last January to have those disks removed and the vertebra fused.

This year I drive, very carefully, and am anticipating, with much trepidation, getting smacked into while in my car. I try to be a courteous, cautious driver. I use my signal lights almost without fail, stop for pedestrians, yield the right of way, mind the speed limit, look behind me when backing up and in general do my best to watch out for the "other guy/gal"

I am, never-the-less, dismayed every time someone tries to climb in my trunk because I am doing the speed limit and they are in too much of a hurry to pay attention to such mundane things. Or when someone decides that there is no need to look or signal to change lanes, or to turn. Oh, and by the way, there is no need to stop for stop signs or pedestrians either. They are just minor annoyances, and the driver can always run if they hit someone.

The first time I was hit I called the police and it took them an hour and fifteen minutes to get there. They had higher priority problems to take care of. By the time the officer took statements, first from the witness that was willing to stick around, then from me, an hour and forty-five minutes had passed. As he was preparing to leave he turned to me and said, "By the way, would you like me to call an ambulance?" Talk about comic relief. So it would seem that the police choose to turn a pretty blind eye to the goings on around campus as well.

On the same note, Campus Security refused to have anything to do with the incident. They directed the lady who was kind enough to help me the first time, to call the Boise Police. I guess if I had been bleeding in the middle of the street, that is where I could have stayed as far as the students, security, police and everyone else was concerned.

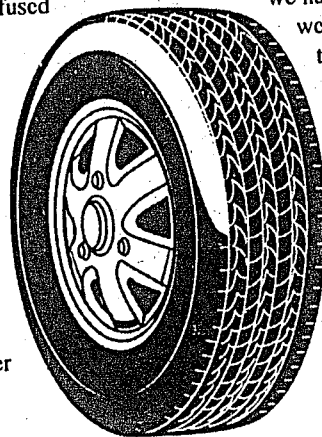
As I progress from class to class I see so many near misses that it makes my head spin. Students walk out in front of speeding cars, cars tailgate other cars, and they inch up so close at stop-

lights that if there were an inch between them I would be surprised. They speed, fail to signal, cut others off, don't look, and in general take risks I would never dream of taking, especially considering that when ever anyone gets behind the wheel, they are preparing to operate a lethal weapon.

In one sense or another, we are all academicians. I would like to think we are reasonably intelligent, caring people. So why take so many risks? The two people who hit me and ran would be in big trouble if they could be found. They would go to jail, as it is a felony to hit and run and they would have to compensate me and pay the medical bills incurred due to their negligence.

Another thing bothers me as well. I am a student, and I probably have more classes and less time than most of the students at this University, so I understand that there is almost no time to piddle away. However, if I see someone in trouble, I take the time to help in any way that I am able, I also do not find someone else's trouble amusing. I have great respect for human life and humanity in general. Therefore, doing all I can to help another in dire straights is worth the dent in my time, and needing to restrain my baser inclination to loose all control and laugh hysterically at their wet, muddy, disheveled, and injured appearance would never even enter my mind. I might feel the need to weep, but laugh? Not likely.

So what is wrong with the picture I have conveyed? Have we become so inured, so hardened to others that we have left our own humanity behind? Perhaps we have just become so wrapped up in ourselves that we just don't care about anyone else. Or maybe we are so in need of comic relief that we feel justified in finding that relief at the expense of others around us. Or??????? Better watch your bumper, if you will pardon the pun.



## I letter...

Dear editor:

**D**id the Jewish Holocaust happen? According to holocaust revisionists, it didn't. In the November 12 issue of The Arbutus, a group called Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust (CODOH) placed an ad offering \$50,000 to anyone who can get their story on national TV. Their story includes the contention that the gas chambers in the concentration camps didn't happen. And, they claim that Hitler did not have a program of genocide towards the Jews.

First whether or not the Holocaust happened is not a debate, anymore than whether or not slavery happened is a debate. There is enough solid evidence to support the existence of the Holocaust, including testimony from Nazis themselves (including diaries during the war and books by Nazis, such as Mein Kampf) and witnesses (including non-Jewish soldiers from several countries). Therefore the contention that the Holocaust is a Jewish conspiracy holds little weight.

Why are there people saying the Holocaust didn't happen? If the revisionists can make people believe that one of the greatest horrors done by humans in this century was simply a Jewish conspiracy, that would do much for the advancement of anti-Semitism.

Revisionists are sneaky. Many deny their anti-Semitism stating they just want "truth in history." They make their statements carefully, without any overt anti-Jewish tone. Read the ad-does it say anywhere that Jews are evil? The best example of this type of rhetoric is the Spotlight, a newspaper that invokes favorite government conspiracies and includes articles and ads by holocaust deniers. At first glance the anti-Semitism of the Spotlight isn't evident. But reading the ads in the back ("Was the Anne Frank diary a hoax?") and articles by revisionists ("The real holocaust in W.W. II was the Dresden") shows otherwise.

Learn more about CODOH and other revisionist groups on the World Wide Web. For arguments against revisionist "facts" try [www.nizkor.org](http://www.nizkor.org).

Natalie Shapiro

For the bike enthusiast on your list.

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## Students help brighten Christmas a little brighter for children

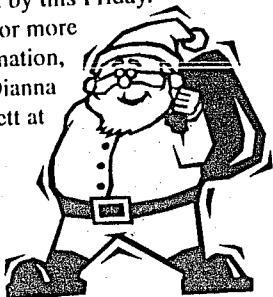
Susan wants a pair of Rollerblades. Mike wants a chemistry set. Donna would like a new pair of shoes. These are just a few of the gifts that low-income children have requested from the Boise State University Volunteer Services Board and the Salvation Army.

The two organizations have teamed up to help make Christmas a little more special for less fortunate families.

These special requests have been written down on gift tags and placed on Christmas trees in the BSU Student Union. Students, faculty, staff and the general public are encouraged to stop by the Student Union and pick up a tag that lists the name, age, sex and Christmas gift wish of a child.

Unwrapped gifts need to be returned to the BSU Student Activities Office in the Student Union by this Friday.

For more information, call Dianna Duskett at 385-4240.



## Art department makes some positive changes

by SUSAN HICKMAN  
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

Art students at Boise State will find it's more practical to earn a general art degree, said Gary Rosine, Chair of the Art department.

The department has merely changed the title of the degree. Rather than earning the former Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in General Art, students will now obtain the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Visual Art.

Students will still choose an area of emphasis, such as photography or printmaking. However, the areas of emphasis have been more clearly defined, especially when it comes to specific required courses.

The Art department has also added an interdisciplinary emphasis to the degree. For example, students can combine two studio areas, such as painting and drawing or sculpture and ceramics.

The Freshman Orientation class also marks an addition for incoming students. It is a one-credit course students take in their foundation year. Various art instructors teach the course, giving students an overall introduction to the department.

Also new to the department is the Masters degree in

Fine Arts, set up as a two-year program, and a new gallery will open in the Hemingway Center next fall.

Rosine said he hopes to have all changes in place by the fall semester of 1998.

## Photograph of Collister House donated to BSU College of Health Sciences

A large, framed photograph of the Collister House, the building in which the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital was founded, has been donated to the College of Health Sciences at Boise State University.

The donation was made by Dr. Wally Pond, a Boise psychologist and former director of psychological services at the Elks Hospital.

The Collister House was the home of the late George Collister, a Boise physician who willed the house to the Elks following his death. The mansion, which was located on 20 acres near where the Collister shopping area now stands, later became the first facility for the rehab services offered by the Elks Hospital, which is now located on Fort Street near downtown Boise.

Pond purchased the photo-

graph in the mid-1980s. He presented it to the College of Health Sciences and department of respiratory therapy during a recent ceremony in the Health Sciences Riverside Building, where the building



BSU Health Sciences Dean James Taylor (left) accepts Wally Pond's donation of a photo of the Collister House.

will be displayed.

"Because the Collister House provided services for people afflicted with polio—people who were confined to iron lungs—it seems appropriate that the photo be displayed in the university's respiratory therapy department," said Pond, a Boise Junior College graduate and former BSU adjunct professor. "It was my pleasure to donate it to BSU."

"The College of Health Sciences is delighted to accept this historic photograph of the Collister House from Dr. Pond and deeply appreciates all the hard work, dedication and philanthropy of the Elks of Boise and all of Idaho in their efforts to ease the pain and enhance the lives of the afflicted children through rehabilitation,"

said James Taylor, dean of the BSU College of Health Sciences.

## Albertsons Library is on the World Wide Web

Boise State's Albertsons Library invites Internet users to check out its services on the World-Wide Web.

From the library's home page, located at <http://library.idbsu.edu>, a user can access Catalyst, the online catalog, and locate links to other libraries in Idaho. Users also will find links to various Internet journals. The site also provides a link to Uncover, an index to approximately 17,000 periodicals.

Additionally, there are links to three indexes available only from computers on campus—El CompendexWeb, the web version of Engineering Index, the Human Relations Area Files, anthropological and cultural information, and, for a limited time, a trial subscription to ABI Inform (business) and the "Idaho Statesman."

"References Sources on the Internet" also provides excellent links to sources in business, art, astronomy, the Earth, health and wellness and music.

For questions regarding the Albertsons Library web site, contact Dan Lester 385-1235.

## Senate wraps up semester with talk of Greeks, shuttles

by TOBY STEISKAL  
NEWS WRITER

The push to bring fraternities and sororities to Boise State dormitories is on the move. Matt Bott, Chief of Staff to the Executive Branch, announced to the ASBSU Senate that Student Residential Life plans to pursue the change

and perhaps bring it about by next year.

Just a few weeks ago, however, the Residence Hall Association voted not to support the housing of any type of Greek organizations on campus. S.R.L.'s plan ignores the R.H.A.'s wishes. For starters, it wants to have Alpha Kappa Lambda, a new fraternity coming next spring, housed somewhere in one of the four dorms on campus.

In other senate news, Senator Christine Starr reported that she and student ideas have not gained much attention at recent library board meetings. She said that the board feels increasing the facility's hours is not a priority, and the board refuses to listen to student concerns. Starr is planning

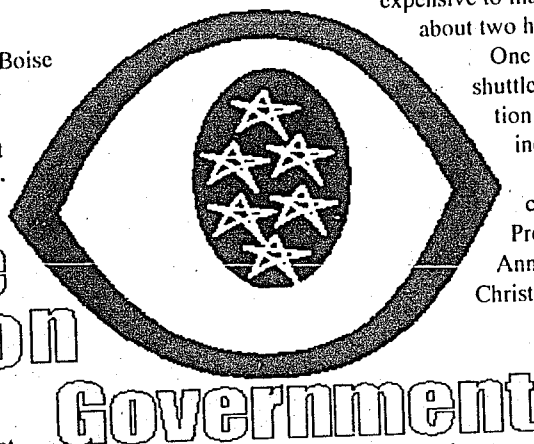
more drastic opposition to let students concerns be heard.

Starr also expressed concerns over the campus shuttle system. The program is expensive to maintain and ridership has steadily decreased. Now only about two hundred riders catch a lift on the shuttle daily.

One solution would be to eliminate numerous stops and set up a shuttle to drop off and pick up students in one place only. A solution must come fast though, Starr said, for if ridership does not increase, the shuttle system will be shut down.

Senate Resolution No. 4, which calls for a fall break on campus, was passed by the Senate and sent to ASBSU President T.J. Thomson for signing. The Senate also elected Anne Taylor as the new Pro-Tem. She fills the spot held by Christine Starr.

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# NEWS & FEATURES

## "Can for Kids" brings in hundreds of dollars

by KELLY MILLINGTON  
NEWS EDITOR

Sitting on the pot took on a whole new meaning last week when students, professors and community members volunteered to raise money for children living in Boise's Community House. Volunteers sat for one hour apiece on a blanket-covered toilet in BSU's Quad and collected donations from passers-by. Sponsored by the Social Work Club of BSU, "Can for Kids" brought in almost \$500.

The money buys non-gender specific Christmas gifts for children living in the Community House, Brad Schmitz with the Social Work Club explained. The gifts must cost no more than \$25 each.

Joy Buersmeyer, Interim Executive Director of Community House, called the fund-raiser "great and very unique." She explained that Community House employees will set up a "store" where parents of children living in the shelter can choose an appropriate gift. They then move to another "store" to wrap the gifts. Personalizing the



Allen sits for charity

gift-giving, said Buersmeyer, makes the parents feel as though they are able to give their children a better Christmas.

When Community House kids are in school, Buersmeyer said, "they hear other kids talking about what they're getting, so they withdraw. They know the bikes aren't going to be there ... it's troublesome for the kids because their folks don't have their lives together."

Schmitz brought back the "Can for Kids" idea from Idaho State University, where, with a similar theme, he and some fraternity brothers raised money for needy children.

Not counting pledges that need to be collected, Schmitz said the volunteer effort has raised between \$400-\$500.

Robin Allen, a professor in the School of Social Work, was one of dozens of people who sat on the toilet for nearly 48 hours straight. Alison Hansen of Boise radio station 100.3 "The X," Miss Boise Tammy Fannon and Idaho Representative Max Black were among the other volunteers.

Buersmeyer emphasized that "our needs go year-round, not just during the Christmas season. We have kids throughout the year."

## Boise coalition remembers homeless who've died here

by ERICA HILL  
STAFF WRITER

The holiday season infects Americans, including Boise residents, with a sense of goodness and charity. Holiday donations such as Thanksgiving turkey dinners and Christmas "Toys for Tots" account for more than 75 percent of donations each year. And according to the Boise-Ada County Homeless Coalition, therein lies the problem.

Coalition member Dana Hardy explained that during the two-month holiday season, people increase their focus on poverty and homelessness, but seem to forget about homeless people themselves.

The homeless, poverty-stricken and welfare-bound, however, cannot forget. After the holidays wrap up, the Boise homeless population is left to compete for the limited resources available.

Raising awareness about the lack of Boise resources for homeless people forms the focus of the Boise-Ada County Homeless Coalition's project on December 22. In response to National Homeless Person's Day, the coalition plans to hold a night vigil to remember those who have died homeless in Boise.

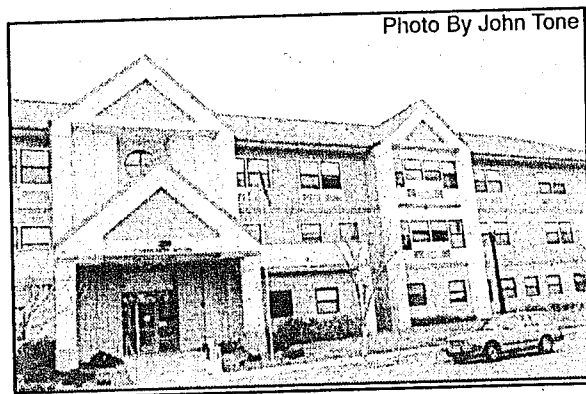
The National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH) has sponsored this memorial day since 1990. Each year the NCH asks state and local groups around the country to participate in commemorating the occasion. According to Hardy, 1997 marks Boise's first year of participation. Hardy, a member of the advocacy committee on the Boise-Ada County Homeless Coalition, found the NCH's information over the Internet and brought it before the committee.

The coalition voted to hold an evening vigil on a Monday night from 5 to 7:30 p.m., a time more people are bound to notice. "We want people to see the vigil while they are coming out of work," said Hardy. And to gain the most recognition from policy makers, coalition members will hold the event on the steps of the Capitol building.

The memorial's agenda includes speeches by people who have lost a homeless friend or family member, and a soup line will represent the type of food Boise shelters provide.

Hardy explained that this should give people an idea of what homeless people must eat day after day. "I think most people will be surprised by the lack of flavor the food has," said Hardy. "It certainly doesn't look or taste like the turkey dinners you see being served on Thanksgiving day."

The coalition's mission, however, is not only to commemorate the numbers of



The Community House of Boise

homeless people who have died in Ada county, but also to show that something more must be done. Although donations may seem at their peak—illustrated by extensive news coverage of good-hearted Boise families—the fact is that donations have declined in 1997 by 15 percent. The need for assistance, however, has increased nearly 18 percent, according to a local food bank.

In addition to a lack of shelter and warmth, homeless people face a major obstacle from malnutrition. Boise's Rescue Mission only allows homeless people one visit each every two months for about four days' worth of food. With only three food banks in Boise, that makes up about two weeks' of sustenance.

One Boise homeless man says he has to make his food last so long that some days all he eats is a potato roll. "Even after I stretch my food so I can eat every day, I usually have to starve four or five days ... but sometimes Dominoes throws out their leftover pizza so I just wait till the employees are gone and then I eat that."

In addition to the shortage of food, the few shelters in Boise remain overcrowded. One such shelter, Community House, located at 13th and River streets, currently assists over 200 occupants. Director Joy Buersmeyer explained that Community House's policy "is a vision that people need a hand-up, not a help-out."

The program, now nearly three years old, requires occupants to pay from \$3 a night to \$240 a month to stay in the facility. The building consists of three floors, each for a different type of person in need.

The first floor, known as the emergency night floor, holds barrack-style bunk-beds and costs \$3 a night. The second floor holds family units for \$5 a night and the third floor offers temporary housing for those doing well in the program. The third floor housing units consist simply of one room with a kitchenette and costs about \$240 a month. Each occupant is required to work, keep rooms clean, do chores, pay rent on time and follow other program requirements.

At the moment, however, the program faces a standstill. Buersmeyer said that is because Community House does not currently provide case managers. Due to a funding crunch, the staff was cut from 35 to 17 and almost all were licensed social workers. A majority of Community House funds come from the city, which receives money from the federal government. Community House supplements its finances through the Idaho Housing and Finance Commission, United Way and fund raisers. The smallest donations come from the community.

Though the program does provide one of the only housing resources for homeless people, according to those who have lived there it is a "prison for the poor." One such man has been without a home for four months. He explained that Boise shelters require occupants to pay on a regular basis, which means he must find a job and sometimes that isn't possible.

"They expect you to pay but when you don't have any money to begin with, what are you supposed to do? I just stopped going because they would run up a tab and want your money but I didn't have any. Now I just sleep in parks. Sometimes I get arrested. I feel like it's illegal to be homeless in Boise, but what can I do?"

Some Boise residents have been reaching out to the homeless population this holiday season, but many area organizations feel two months out of the year simply isn't enough. Urging community members to recognize homeless peoples' needs forms the basis of the vigil.



# Art students carry on Ethiopian tradition

by DOREEN MARTINEK  
NEWS WRITER

Students in Tom Trusky's Introduction to Book Art class have found a unique way to make a book. Borrowing from symbolic Ethiopian traditions, students have created scrolls, which act as a protective layer or second skin, between the owner of the scroll and the outside world.

Traditional Ethiopian scrolls started with the sacrifice of a sheep, goat or gazelle. The sacrificer was then bathed in the blood and stomach contents of the animal. The dried animal's skin was then used as the scroll.

Although the Book Art students didn't go to such extremes in making their scrolls, Trusky is "delighted with the variety of materials used." Instead of animal skins, he explained, they used canvas, paper, waterproof

paper, butcher paper and even brown paper bags.

Scrolls range from three to 10 inches wide, and must be as long as the creator is tall. A string is used to measure the person by being brought up over the head to the nape of the neck and then going down to the toes. In covering the head, Ethiopian tradition teaches that the scroll then offers better head protection.

An Ethiopian wise man customarily draws images at the top, center and bottom of the scroll. Text, consisting of prayers, is written in between the images. Cylindrical red leather cases hold the scrolls.

Some Ethiopian people hang their scrolls on their walls to cure illness, then put the scrolls in a cupboard when healed. While sleeping, other Ethiopians put scrolls under their pillows or under a body part that hurts, then carry the scroll during the day. On their New Year's Eve, some bury the scrolls and dig them up the next day, believing it ensures their effectiveness the fol-

lowing year.

Trusky's students designed their own scrolls, choosing the parchment, images and text. Students then personalized the scrolls by designing images and writing text that was important to them.

One student connects with nature through her scroll. Another uses her scroll to keep her from housework and another uses his to help ward off commercialism. And one student, content with what she has, uses her scroll to honor a friend who recently died.

The students who worked on designing the exhibit call the scrolls the "ultimate individualized self-help books." They show "people diagnosing, healing and protecting themselves" from illness or evil.

The students' scrolls are displayed in cases on the first floor of the Liberal Arts Building.

## Senator fights possible sanctioning of alcohol on campus

by ERICK CARLSON  
SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE

Joseph Pearson, College Senator of Social Sciences and Public Affairs in the ASBSU, is heading a petition to block any move allowing alcoholic beverages to be sold on the Boise State campus.

Pearson started the cause after attending a meeting where the topic was bringing alcohol to campus for "non-campus entities" in the Student Union Building and Pavilion. These school arenas find that they have to compete with new kids on the block such as the Bank of America Centre, the Union Block and the Idaho Center. Hawking alcohol at BSU would boast another campus selling point and raise revenue.

Although the ASBSU senate bill may pass showing support for alcohol on campus, the Idaho State Board of Education would need to hand down final approval. The State Board has, in the past, stated that all state institutions will be dry campuses.

But Pearson does not even want to see the issue go as far as the State Board. He wrote a letter explaining his stance and sent one to each student organization. So

far, Pearson said, he has over 250 signatures in support of a non-alcohol campus. He plans to bring his proposal before the senate next semester, along with the resolution that BSU students will support the State Board's past declarations.

Pearson also sent a letter to Fine Host and the directors of the Pavilion and the SUB. None were available for comment.

Pearson said that any change to the current code would be "state-sponsored alcoholism. I can never support that."



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# League of Women Voters lacks student members

by CARISSA WOLF  
NEWS WRITER

Every American college student has a voice, an opinion, a right to be heard — and given the opportunity, most college students would happily rant and rave about the social, political and democratic shortcomings that they feel plague America.

But instead of ranting and raving at the poll booths, most college students are content to let older white males be the democratic voice of America, while they sit back paying little attention to political issues, offering only a whisper of criticism here and there.

The Boise chapter of the League of Women Voters wants to louden young peoples' whispers and offer students at Boise State University the chance to shout.

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan, political grassroots volunteer organization, operates on a national, state and local level. Its members, a powerful force of women and men from all 50 states, make lawmakers listen.

Mary McGown of the Boise chapter of the League of Women Voters, said she feels that the younger generation could contribute largely to the face of the political agenda, and she would like to see some college students join the League's force.

"We try to get people to understand that we can make a difference," McGown said.

The League of Women Voters, conceived in 1920 from the women's suffrage movement, aims to educate the public on political issues, as well as the importance of each citizen's involvement in the political process that makes democracy function.

Currently, young peoples' involvement marks a key missing component in American democracy. The voice of the younger generation has the potential to serve as a vital resource in democracy, McGown said. "There may be views that we overlook," she explained. "[Young people] may bring other issues to the floor ...

they may have other ideas as well as energy."

According to Dr. Dennis Donoghue, Professor of Political Science at BSU, students usually distance themselves from politics at any level due to lack of time and disinterest in political affairs.

"Most college students are not poetical or economic animals, so they aren't very plugged into politics. [College students] are more worried about getting into a sorority and what's on their next test," Donoghue said.

Political participation for 18 to 24-year-old registered voters remains low and has steadily dwindled over the years. According to a study conducted by the Department of Commerce and the Bureau of Census, 80 percent of 18 to 24-year-old individuals are apathetic voters, paying no attention to political issues and rarely — if ever — voting. This leaves the majority of the decision making to the elite political gladiators — who, said Donoghue, constitute only six to 10 percent of the American population and who are primarily of older, economically prosperous, males.

Boise State students are swimming right along in the pool of voter apathy. Although 18 to 24-year-olds enrolled in a school are 10 percent more likely to show up to the voting booths than 18 to 24 year olds not enrolled in a university, ASBSU voter turnout rates sit below the national average for presidential elections. For example, in 1994, 26.7 percent of university-enrolled 18 to 24-year-old students reported voting in the 1992 presidential election, while less than 10 percent of BSU students voted in November's ASBSU senator-at-large elections.

Both Donoghue and McGown cite time as one of the reasons for keeping students away from political participation. However, Donoghue isn't quick to blame the 10 percent dive in voter turnout since 1964 on a lack of political issues such as war or women's rights.

"We have the environment to fight for now, don't we?" Donoghue reasoned.

On the other hand, some members of the League of Women Voters theorize that young women seem to be less politically-active in the 1990s because of the lack of predominate women's rights issues. Unlike their mothers and grandmothers, many of today's young women don't know the feeling

of not having the right to vote or have an abortion.

This doesn't mean, though, that the League of Women Voters has trouble finding issues worth fighting for.

Instead, said McGown, the League is very issue-oriented, and tends to focus on individual privacy rights and progressive legislation. This past year, the League worked closely with BSU political science students to conduct candidate forums. Education issues, tax credit laws and abortion legislation top the League's agenda for 1998.

The Boise League consists of a small handful of articulate women who speak with passion and conviction on a variety of issues. Although the group is small, members carry an inspiring message that collectively, people can get things done in the political arena.

During 1998, the Boise chapter of the League hopes to raise its voice louder than that of Rep. Sen. Stan Hawkins. League members plan to actively challenge Hawkins' ultra-conservative abortion law amendments, which members say are "intended to expose and embarrass the woman."

The League of Women Voters intends to promote its pro-choice stance to the public by educating and demonstrating. Boise League members are currently choosing some literature they would like to use in educating the public. They will also be a loud presence at the Roe vs. Wade celebration rally on Jan. 21.

The League of Women voters does not support or endorse any political party or candidate, but, rather, examines issues and takes action based on the votes of its grassroots membership. According to McGown, the League actually spends a large amount of time researching issues before taking any action at all.

The Boise chapter meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Flicks. The Jan. 6 meeting will include discussion about local League issues and will preview proposed legislation for the 1998 legislative session.

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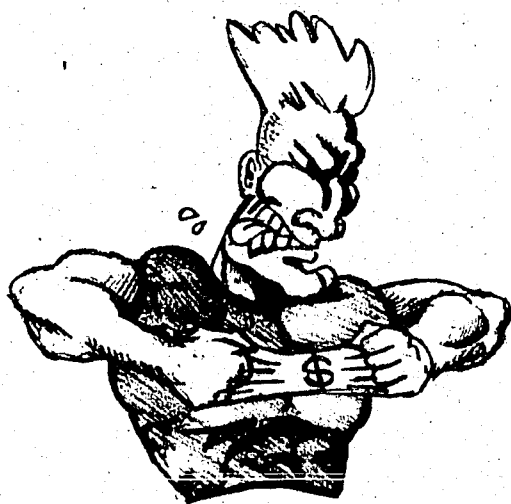
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# The four-year

by MARY DOHERTY  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

**M**any bright-eyed, bushy-tailed freshmen come to college with the preconceived notion of departing the institution in four years. The reality is, most students attending universities in the Northwest will have been enrolled five or six years before graduation.

According to this year's enrollment report created by Boise State Registrar Susanna Yunker, BSU is the largest state university in Idaho with a current academic enrollment of 14,730. Director of Institutional Research Steve Schmidt said that as of 1996, it took an average of 5.8 years to graduate from BSU. The numbers have fluctuated in the past decade between five and six years, with 5.6 as the average for 1995; 5.7 for 1994; and 5.9 for 1993.

The results show that, generally speaking, students who graduated from Boise State in this decade weren't able to do it in four years. Schmidt claims there are several reasons why students take longer to graduate, but a four year degree isn't out of reach.

"It is possible," Schmidt said. "People do get done in four years, but it's getting fewer and fewer all the time. A change of major can set you back, as well as transferring schools."

Adam Nichols, a secondary education-English major, experienced setbacks due to a change in schools, change in major, and inadequate advising. Working through his fourth year of college, Nichols says he has no idea when he will graduate. He transferred from Northern Arizona University, was a declared business major for a year before changing to art, and finally decided to go into teaching. After losing credits from changing schools, then substituting majors, he said he feels lost as far as knowing what it will take to graduate.

"I felt that academic advising wasn't cohesive between the English department and the College of Education," Nichols added. "When I went into the English department, I didn't know what I was doing."

Like most students, Nichols said he planned to graduate from college in four years.

"I think everybody expects that. But . . . I'm not in a situation to blame anybody," Nichols said. "I haven't really gotten on the ball, and I wasn't really clear on what I wanted to do."

BSU student Chris Widdison is working his way through school at the Student Union Rec. Center. Widdison began BSU in 1992, but spent two years as a part-time, non-declared student. He decided to declare a secondary physical education major and has been enrolled full time since, but it will still take him five years to complete his major (seven years total). He has taken between 12 and 18 credits a semester, despite having to work while attending school. He said those two years of not knowing what he wanted to become added to his extended college career.

"The courses I took before [he declared his major] were pretty much a waste of time and money, because they didn't pertain to what I'm doing now," Widdison said.

Widdison said once he declared his major, he was set up with a great academic advisor who helped him plot his course.

"I am one of the lucky ones, from what I've heard at BSU. I couldn't have had a better advisor," Widdison said about his advisor, Dr. Sherman Button.

Another student working through school is Jananne Lane, a College of Business accounting major.

years to work, then returned this semester to finish his last 29 credits for a bachelor's degree.

"Core requirements held me back," Agnew said. "The State Legislature told me what I needed to take in order to graduate. Unfortunately, none of those classes had anything to do with my major."

**A**gnew suggested that core classes don't teach anything worthwhile, vocationally speaking. He said the 100-level core courses are designed, and taught, in a manner in which everyone is determined to eventually pass. He believes in a well-rounded education, but thinks students should be able to pick their electives based on interest, not on "basic physics, for students who don't care about physics." His reasoning is that the information will be taught on a deeper level if the instructor is aware the students attend because they genuinely want to take the class, not because the legislature told them they had to so BSU could receive its funding.

From the statistics it appears that students at other Idaho schools are taking just as long to graduate as BSU students.

Idaho State University currently enrolls 11,887 students. Director of Institutional Research Barbara Lawrence said it takes an average of 5.6 years to graduate from ISU. She said that number represents an improvement from years past, when the average was between six and seven years.

"There are things to take into consideration with ISU," Lawrence added. "We have a lot of pharmacy students, a program which requires at least six years to complete the curriculum, and most of our students work a fair amount and cannot take more than 12 credits a semester."

The University of Idaho is a slightly smaller campus, with a current academic enrollment of 11,700 students. According to Archie George, the Assistant Director of Institutional Research at U of I, the students there are considered more campus-oriented. For example, the majority of students are full-time, live on or near campus and do not maintain full-time jobs. However, the average graduation rate is 5.2 years. At the 1997 graduation ceremony, only 14 percent of the grads entered the university in 1993 (completed in four years). Forty-eight percent of that same graduating class enrolled in 1991 and attended for six years.

Students in universities outside of Idaho are also experiencing difficulty in obtaining four-year bachelor's degrees.

The University of Washington Seattle campus is the largest public university in the state, with a current enrollment of 35,367 students. Of the students who enrolled in 1990, 70 percent took six years to graduate. U of W spokesperson Ann Wunderlin reported that fewer than 30 percent were able to complete in four years according to the last cohort study.

Neighboring Oregon students are faced with similar odds: The University of Oregon campus boasts an enrollment of 17,207. U of O's statistician Pete Bauer said Oregon's averages appear comparable to those of other Northwest universities. In the last completed cohort study, Bauer found that of the students who began enrollment in 1991, 35.3 percent graduated in four years. A previous study showed that of the students who entered the college in 1989, 55.1 percent graduated in five years, and 32.3 completed after six years.



She will complete her college career, which began in the fall of 1993, this May. Like Widdison, Lane began as a part-time student, then jumped to a full-time course load. Despite working about 25 hours a week and living off campus, Lane has managed to figure out her own academic agenda in order to graduate in five years (including her part-time semesters). Lane said she realized it would take her longer than four years to graduate once she began looking at her credit requirements.

She did have one stipulation about BSU's advising system: "I think everyone should be assigned an advisor once they reach upper-division status, instead of being able to choose your own. If each of the upper-division advisors had a certain amount of students, appointments wouldn't be so difficult to set up."

Communication major and non-traditional student, Daren Agnew claimed the core requirements hold students back from obtaining a timely, quality education at BSU. Agnew entered college in the Spring of 1988. He too went part-time for two semesters, before going full-time for three and a half years. He left school for four



# graduation myth

Bauer, Schmidt and George all mentioned other problems that hold students up from graduation, such as classes not being offered or full when you need them and not enough professors for students. This term, there is one faculty member per 19 BSU students. At the U of I, the ratio stands at 17 students per faculty member, and ISU features an 18/1 ratio. U of W's average is 13 students for each full-time teaching employee, and the U of O has 15 students per teacher (teaching faculty means both professors and adjunct employees).

Private universities typically offer smaller enrollments and better faculty-to-student ratios. As a result, graduation statistics for many private colleges in the Northwest look much better than those for public schools.

At the University of Puget Sound, statistician Carol Wittner reported the current enrollment at 2,717, with a 12/1 student-to-faculty ratio. Wittner didn't cite an exact number, but asserted that over 70 percent of the Puget Sound students graduate within four years (nearly double the percentage of state university grads).

Gayle O'Donahue at the Albertson College of Idaho said the school has a current enrollment of 671 undergraduates. There are ten students per faculty member, and the last completed study showed that 71 percent of Albertson College students graduate in four years.

Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington has an undergraduate population of 1,608, and a student-to-faculty ratio of 16/1. Spokesperson Gary Whisenand stated the results of their last cohort study which showed that of the students who entered the college in 1991, 63 percent graduated in four years, 28 percent completed in five, and only 9 percent took six years to finish.

Pacific University's percentages were up to par with other Northwest private schools. Pacific currently has 1,854 undergraduates, and a 13/1 student-to-faculty ratio. John Snodgrass, registrar, said that the last six-year study revealed that 75 percent of the students graduate in four years.

Snodgrass had some suggestions regarding contrasts between public and private higher education institutions. He said that 98 percent of the students attending private schools are registered as full-time. He mentioned that because of the higher cost, it doesn't pay to extend education out. He also said that while public universities are subject to state cutbacks despite increases in enrollment, private universities expand their faculty in accordance with the student population.

"Students are able to get the classes they need when they need them, because there is adequate faculty," Snodgrass said. "We have a willingness to let a class go with five people, whereas most public universities would cancel the class."

Snodgrass added that the upper-division advising works well because professors have a closer connection to the few students with whom they interact. They also have a better idea of when courses will be offered so they can advise the students accordingly. Pacific students also enjoy the option of using an approved independent study to substitute for a required class. He said another factor to consider is the quality of the college catalog, and whether students understand their requirements clearly.

Dr. Michael Blain, professor of sociology and chair of the department, has worked at BSU for 16 years. Blain commented that the socioeconomic status of students at Boise State dif-

fers from those at elite private schools.

"Our students are from working class households. We don't have an upper-class student body like private universities," Blain added. "Students at private schools have parents who pay their way. They don't have to battle with academic frustrations alongside frustrations of having to work part time, struggling with finances, being in debt with loans, some have families, etc."

Blain posits that sociologists who study higher



education and the role of education in modern society find that students at private schools come from families where the parents are well educated and professional. Sociologists claim that those who come from an upper-class, educated background enter the system with a built-in advantage because they were reared in an environment of collegiate "pedigree." Blain noted that these students get by better, independent of merit or how hard they work. The more elite schools boast a disproportionate number of these upper-class people to begin with.

"Students at BSU come from diverse positions and backgrounds in terms of class and culture," Blain said.

As far as overcrowded classrooms and lack of professors per students, Blain admitted to administrative problems along those lines. He noted that the higher education budgets in most states are declining. This creates bottlenecks because the university can't keep up with enrollment in terms of faculty and classes.

Despite these challenges, Blain said, "The faculty at BSU is making efforts to make our academic program as high quality as possible for students, and at the same time maintaining the integrity of our professions."

He mentioned that every faculty member sets aside six hours a week to remain available for students to

drop in. However, professors and advisors can't be responsible for everyone. He claimed students have to learn to survive in a bureaucratic environment.

"The university is the first large bureaucracy most students are involved in. You have to be an entrepreneur and work the system to your advantage," Blain said.

As an academic advisor himself, he hasn't run across problems that couldn't be solved, but says it's a matter of the students working cooperatively with their advisors. All large universities suffer problems with classes being full and fluctuating numbers of students per faculty members.

Blain summed it up when he said BSU students shouldn't expect to have the same advantages of students in elite private schools because, "There are complex economic issues, cultural issues and circumstances in public universities making them different than private universities."

Dr. Bill Ruud, chair of the College of Business, said how long it takes to graduate shouldn't pose such a big concern. He said the rates are changing because society is changing.

"It's [the working world] no longer an industry sanctioned for four years," Ruud said. "Employers are looking for graduates with experience."

Ruud claims that in most metropolitan schools, timing is not critical. If a student takes five years to graduate, but in that period maintains a job and accrues experience through internships, their education coupled with experience proves more valuable. He also said the business world doesn't care how long it takes students to graduate.

"Society says it's o.k., as long as you have supporting evidence for use of the extra time (i.e. work and internship experience)... Content and knowledge override some arbitrary assignment of time," Ruud suggests. "Your ability to acquire knowledge while you do other things will show just as much about your character to a potential employer."

Ruud also noted that life expectancy is much longer in today's society, so an extra year of school isn't a big deal if one lives to be 100 years old. He also stated that learning is a life-long process, no longer restricted to four years. Most of the students who obtain degrees end up in some form of continuing education program eventually, such as a master's degree or other advanced certification in their field.

Ruud also mentioned that special considerations are taken for students who take longer than four years to obtain a degree. Athletes, for example, are sometimes allowed an extra year of eligibility if they become red-shirted (injured) for a season.

Also, the Federal Department of Financial Aid allots six years of financial aid for each eligible student. Students on a national level aren't expected to graduate in four years.

So, if it takes longer than four years to graduate, don't stress. Most students who work through school can't finish a bachelor's degree in less than five years. Meanwhile, make the most of your education by experiencing other opportunities alongside your college career.

# Loud Pulp

Loud Pulp has dedicated this last issue to opinions of sorts, donated by the arbiter staff:

## The top 10 bestest and worstest

### Top Ten Best Lines or Phrases in a Song

by MARY DOHERTY  
LOUD PULP DEMI-GODDESS

10. "You know that it would be untrue/You know that I would be a liar/If I was to say to you/I didn't set your damn fire," from the song "If You Love Someone Set Them on Fire" by The Dead Milkmen. (Punks who play off Doors are cool.)
9. "If I were John and you were Yoko, I would gladly give up musical genius/Just to have you as my very own personal Venus," from the song "Be My Yoko Ono" by the Eels. (I respect a band that can relate to John Lennon's crime of passion.)
8. "If I get drunk and I'm passed out on the floor, baby/You won't bother me know more," from the song "Beer" by Reel Big Fish. (Every great ska band sings a great relationship song incorporating beer.)
7. "You'd look great on my yacht," from the song "Pick Up Lines" by the Dance Hall Crashers. (Elise Rogers and Karina Denike are ska vixens too smart to fall for lame lines.)
6. "Burn down the disco/Hang the blessed DJ," from the song "Panic" by the Smiths. (Burn all your Morrissey, protest until you give up the solo career.)
5. "We wouldn't have to eat Kraft Dinner, but we would," from the song "If I had \$1,000,000" by Barenaked Ladies. (Their devoted fans hail them by throwing macaroni on the stage at their home-country Canadian shows.)
4. "The solar garlic starts to rot," from the song "Stash" by Phish. (Drug induced lyrics speak for themselves. What is solar garlic, anyway?)
3. "She doesn't have to have her Young Fresh Fellows tape back," from the song "Twisting" by They Might Be Giants. (The world would be a much better place if everyone listened to the Young Fresh Fellows.)
2. "I hope you know that this will go down on your permanent record," from the song "Kiss Off" by the Violent Femmes. (Gordon Gano is such a menace to society!)
1. "Hey Frankie, weren't you going to give me your class ring?/I'm afraid I can't do that Annette/Why not?/Cause I don't have any arms!" from the song "Beach Party Vietnam" by The Dead Milkmen. (Gotta love a band who protests the government and stupid movies simultaneously.)

### Top Ten Best Boise Bands

by MARY DOHERTY  
LOCAL GROUPE

Disclaimer: Although there many great bands in Boise, these are the ones I have been repeatedly drawn to go back and see.

10. Whiskey (sorry you're not on the list, but at least you made the list!)
9. Soap Puppets
8. Geyser
7. The band formerly known as Mother the Band
6. Box of Rocks
5. Pat Johnson and the Three Slims
4. The Mosquitoes
3. The Hoi Polloi
2. Built to Spill

### Top Ten Reasons to Support Live Theatre

AUTUMN HAYNES  
THEATRE CRITIC

10. Cheaper than a movie.
9. Audience members are more likely to be culturally aware.
8. No screaming children.
7. Intermittent.
6. Siskel and Ebert give it two thumbs up.
5. Only airs once a year.
4. Unlike film, the show depends on the audience to support the show.
3. If the show sucks you know who to blame because you have a copy of the program.
2. Live theatre is economically smart. It takes less time and money to produce.
1. The actors have to have more than a pretty face. Live theatre requires talent.

### Top Ten worst places to enter tain your date in Boise

by ERICA HILL  
ARTS WRITER

10. the Mall
9. your parents house
8. the bowling alley in the SUB
7. any high school parking lot
6. Main street cruise
5. Wal-Mart
4. Table Rock with a party ball
3. strip clubs
2. the parking lot of a cancelled Motely Crue concert
1. the meat section in Albertson's

### Top Ten albums in Erica's collection

10. The Charlatans *Up to Our Hips*
9. Leftfield *Leftism*
8. Scott Hardkiss *Yes*
7. Morrissey *Kill Uncle*
6. Bjork *Bjork*
5. Fleetwood Mac *The Dance*
4. Mixmag live! *Plastikman*
3. Sarah McLaughlin *Fumbling Towards Ecstasy*
2. The Orb *Orbvs Terum*
1. Yoshitoshi *In House We Trust*

### Knock 'Em Dead Theatre announces auditions for *Carousel*

by MARY DOHERTY  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The Knock 'Em Dead Theatre announced that it will be holding auditions for the upcoming performance of *Carousel*. The production will show from February 13 through April 4. Auditions will take place on December 20 and 21 at 12:30 South 9th Street at the theatre from 5-8 p.m. Interested performers are invited to come with a prepared piece of music, and a companion will be provided. Scottie Quinn will direct the *Carousel* cast of approximately 20 singers and dancers.

## What I listened to in 1997

by MARK TAYLOR  
FILM CONNOISSEUR

10. Bob Marley *Legend* - On my list last year, this year and next year. The timeless music suitable for any occasion cannot leave my CD player.
9. *Ultra Lounge Cocktail Capers* - Lounge music had a resurgence this year and this compilation best represents the genre. For those who couldn't get enough of Swingers, I suggest you have a listen.
8. Alice in Chains *Unplugged* - One of the best unplugged performances captured.
7. Fleetwood Mac *The Dance* - Stevie Nicks and Lindsey Buckingham never sounded better than on this live reunion disc. Clearly an undertaking reflecting their love of the music and not the profit motive, it's great to have them back one more time. They still can't break the chain.
6. David Lee Roth *Best Of* - I know this one is going to make a few people go "Eeewww." I maintain that his deep, gravelly voice and vaudevillian wit serve both hard rock and his forays into big band equally well. Anyway, it's MY list. *Write your own.*
5. Eddie Grant *Best Of* - The Caribbean's best export since Bob Marley, Grant fuses reggae and dance music with politics to produce a great effect. Songs like "Gimme Hope Jo'anna" and "Electric Avenue" place him well above the dreadlocked masses.

4. Blind Melon *Nico* - The posthumous release of out-takes and rarities, the last to feature Shannon Hoon's rich, distinctive voice.
3. David Bowie *Earthling* - The thin white duke turned 50 this year. You'd never know it by this collection of great industrial tinged dance tracks. He always reinvents himself in a way that Madonna and T.A.F.K.A. Prince can only dream of.
2. Chemical Brothers *Dig Your Own Hole* - This hard edged techno experience permeates the senses and provides the sonic equivalent of ecstasy.
1. U2 *Pop* - So what if it wasn't up to par with *Achtung Baby*? They still deliver the goods like no one else. Tracks like "Discotheque" prove their ongoing relevance.



## What I watched in 1997

by MARK TAYLOR  
FILM CONNOISSEUR

10. "Dream with the Fishes" - This year's best buddy movie. Fantastic story, realistic premises, and excellent cinematography make this one worth watching a couple times.

9. "Maybe, Maybe Not" - Top-notch German comedy about sexuality and confusion. Based on the comics of Ralph König, this film definitely deserves renting.

8. "The Star Wars Trilogy" - The remastered, enhanced science fiction epic hit the screens and solidified its status as the top-grossing series in history. The technical wizardry of George Lucas and the space age mythological tale is forever part of our culture. I can't wait for the next installment.

7. "The Godfather Trilogy" - Cleaned up for its twenty-fifth anniversary, the definitive mobster classic collection reels the viewer into a world where justice is served with an eye for an eye. You want good family values? Look no further than the words of Don Corleone, played by Marlon Brando, "A man who doesn't spend time with his family is no man at all."

6. "The Pillow Book" - Peter Greenaway adds to his stellar legacy of film works with this beautiful, complicated drama full of sexuality, pride and revenge. You'll become a new person, at least for a few hours after viewing.

5. "Twin Town" - Revenge is the word of the day here, in this hilarious comedy with a biting edge. When the glue sniffing twins' dad is denied worker's compensation from his employer, the seek justice. Word of advice: When treating other unfairly, better watch your poodle.

4. "Cats Don't Dance" - The most overlooked children's movie this year, much better than anything Disney or anyone else has done lately. Features great animation, humor, and catchy show tunes. Highly recommended.

3. "The Full Monty" - Fat, middle-aged male strippers? You came to the right screen for this one as well as a hysterically funny comedy.

2. "People vs. Larry Flynt" - Another pornographic exercise in pornographic Americana. This film brought a high minded civil liberties perspective to the cinema. "People" let Woody Harrelson show some acting range and let Courtney Love be herself.

1. "Boogie Nights" - What can I say? The best movie this year. The seedy porn industry and the emotional turmoils of those bumping and grinding across the blue screen presents a wonderful dark edge to the American Dream. For those who liked the '70s music, a second volume of the soundtrack is forthcoming.

## Toby's top ten CDs

by TOBIN STEISKAL

AKA: KARL

10. Pennywise *Unknown Road*. Classic Pennywise at their finest hard core/so-cal punk stylee. Fast, and angst filled civil disobedience on the cover track and others, such as "Tester" and "Time to burn."
9. Voodoo Glow Skulls *Who is, This is?* The first and finest release from those thrash/ska madmen. Contains the fastest horns in ska on tracks like "Insurrection," "You are the Problem" and a stellar rendition of the Beattle's classic "Here Comes the Sun."
8. The Mighty Mighty Bosstones *Let's Face It*. Sellouts, trendy, whatever you call them, the Bosstones are still one of the hardest working and dedicated bands out there. This album is a testament to the variety of music they can play. Traditional ska on "Royal Oil" to rock with horns on "Nevermind Me" to the ska-core of "1-2-3," the Bosstones are just one damn fine band. Lagwagon "Hoss", Ah, yes a Fat Wreck Chords band makes its way to my list. Sorry to all you "old-school" punk rock gurus, Lagwagon offers a fresh new look to the future of the genre. Emotional tracks like "Violins," and "Sleep" show the addictiveness this band has on their listeners.

7. Buck-O-Nine *Songs in the Key of Bree*. The first release from this wild cali-crew. Great skankin' classics like "New Generation," "Barfly," and "Sappy Love Song." Also contains "The Irish Drinking Song," a catchy tune all alcoholics can come to know and love.

6. Let's Go Bowling *Music to Bowl By* & Mr. Twist (tied). These CD's are a must for anyone familiar with third-wave ska. Both albums are filled with songs that make you want to skank your ass off. The instrumental, "Rude 69" is one of my favorites. Traditional sounding, but both with "new-school" attitude.

- 5.5. Mephiskapheles *God Bless Satan*. Satanic ska from this great NYC band. They are a great live act, and with songs like "Saba" and "Doomsday" - you can't go wrong.

5. The Mighty Mighty Bosstones *More Noise and Other Disturbances*. Why twice on the list? This CD their second release on Taang! records provides a look into how the Bosstones unique sound was created. Songs like "Cowboy Coffee," "dr. d," and "I'll Drink to That" are always crowd pleasers.

4. The Toasters *New York Fever*. One of the oldest running ska bands in the business, the

Toasters have always been on the forefront of cutting edge ska. No punk whatsoever on tracks like "Shebeen" and "Plowshares into Guns".

3. The Suicide Machines *Destruction by Definition*. Killer ska-punk from these Detroit boys. No horns, and a sound much like that of Op. Ivy. Great sounds on tracks like "S.O.S.," "No Face," and a cover of Minor Threat's "I Don't Wanna Hear It."

- 2.5. The Specials *The Singles Collection*. Straight two-tone. What else can I say, Rudy?

2. *Operation Ivy* - The self titled compilation. The originators of ska-punk.

- 1.5. Fishbone - The 6 song EP. Straight out of LA in 1986, Fishbone rocked with trad sounding ska, funk, and rock on their first release. "Party at Ground Zero" and "Lyin' Ass Bitch" have always been favorites.

1. Skankin' Pickle *The Green Album*. The single greatest stage band ever. The remarkable guitar playing of Lynette Knackstedt, a wacky horn section, and great lyrics make this Pickle album their best and worthy of the greatest CD I have.



## DECEMBER CALENDAR

by MARY DOHERTY  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

### Wednesday, December 10

Interlude- Divit and Mambo

Tom Grainey's- The Rebecca Scott Decision

J.T. Toad's- EZ Loader

Neurolux- Racing Vent, 8 Ball Break and Crown Rouge

Hastings at Fairview and Cole- Story time with Kathleen Sanders (4:00)

### Thursday, December 11

Tom Grainey's- The Rebecca Scott Decision

J.T. Toad's- EZ Loader

Neurolux- Caustic Resin, Allegro and Harlots

Hastings at Boise and Apple- Story time with Kathleen Sanders (4:00)

### Friday, December 12

Interlude- The Usual Suspects

Blues Bouquet- House of Hoi Polloi

Tom Grainey's- The Tourists

J.T. Toad's- Los

Mosquitones with Rhythm Mob

Neurolux- A Might Be Funny Experiment in Comedy from 8 to 10

Flying M- Open Spaces Morrison Center Recital Hall- Joseph Baldassarre, "The Romantic Guitar" (7:30)

### Saturday, December 13

Interlude- The Usual Suspects

Hastings at Overland & Five Mile- House of Hoi Polloi

Tom Grainey's- The Tourists

J.T. Toad's- Los Mosquitones with Rhythm Mob

Neurolux- Retrospect Holiday Fashion Show

Flying M- Flyer

Old Boise Holiday Market- Capitol City Public Market 10-2 p.m.

Hastings at Overland and 5 Mile- Story time (1:00)

Hastings at Fairview and Cole- Fat Joh and the Three Slims

Hastings at Boise and Apple- Rift

### Sunday, December 14

Tom Grainey's- Rebecca Scott Jam Session

Neurolux- Happy hours 1-8 p.m., First game of pool free for day drinkers

### Monday, December 15

Tom Grainey's- Fat John and the Three Slims

J.T. Toad's- Rocket Men

Neurolux- Happy hours 1-8 p.m., First game of pool free for day drinkers

### Tuesday, December 16

Tom Grainey's- Fat John and the Three Slims

J.T. Toad's- Rocket Men

Neurolux- Happy hours 1-8 p.m., First game of pool free for day drinkers

### Wednesday, December 17

Tom Grainey's- The Rebecca Scott Decision

J.T. Toad's- EZ Loader

Neurolux- Left Coast, Godzoundz and 25 Wheeler

Hastings at Fairview and Cole- Story time with Kathleen Sanders (4:00)

### Upcoming Events:

December 22- The Monkees at the BSU Pavilion (7:30), Tickets on sale at Select-A-Seat

### Throughout December:

- Every Saturday from 10-2 p.m., check out the Old Boise Public Market and Artisans Market in the Pioneer Building.

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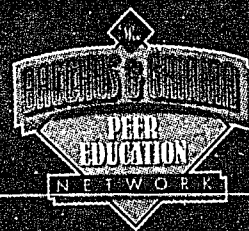
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by MARK DAVID HOLLADAY  
Staff Birthday Boy

Every year I grow a little bit older and a little bit wiser and I truly wonder ... why bother at all?

**Sagittarius:** (Nov. 22—Dec. 21) Happy Birthday!!! Aren't you glad somebody remembered? Get sloshed.

**Capricorn:** (Dec. 22—Jan. 19) Sometimes you feel like a Nutt, sometimes you don't. If you're offered your dream job, go ahead and leave BSU—there's plenty of B.S. outside this university to go around.

**Aquarius:** (Jan. 20—Feb. 18) Those instructor evaluation sheets are anonymous. Need we say more?

**Pisces:** (Feb. 19—Mar. 20) Does your family require you to go into debt just to make their shallow holiday dreams come true? If so, take a gouging at one of the many convenient instant loan locations around the valley.

**Aries:** (Mar. 21—Apr. 19) Just because someone asks if you have some doesn't mean you have to share your chapstick.

**Taurus:** (Apr. 20—May 20)  
A fool and his money are soon parted. Become a currency liberator this holiday season!

**Gemini:** (May 21—June 21)  
Remember when we revealed you were the last living person on space ship earth? Still true.

**Cancer:** (June 22—July 22)  
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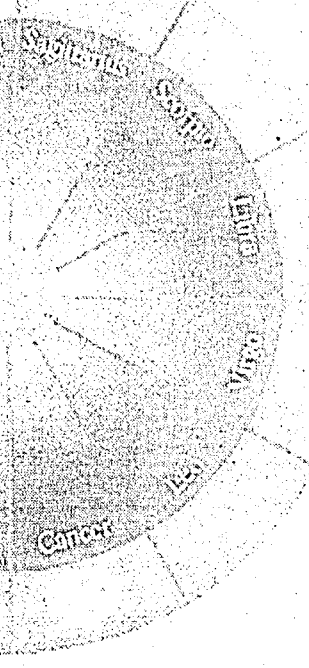
**Leo:** (July 23—Aug. 22)  
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**Virgo:** (Aug. 23—Sept. 22)  
You will be critically acclaimed when your new book, "All you ever wanted to know about pocket lint" is released next spring.

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# SPORTS

## Bronco men pound the Cougars

by TODD ANDERSON  
Sports Writer

The BYU Cougars came into town last weekend with only two wins on their record—not this season, but in the last two seasons combined. BSU didn't care, though, knowing this was still an important game.

For the third straight game, the Broncos never trailed their opponents. They held a commanding lead through virtually the entire game and ended the night with an 83-67 win.

The big story was Bronco center Kenny Van Kirk. The BSU post man racked up a career night, totaling 21 points as he led the team in scoring. Roberto Bergersen tossed in 17 of his own points, including 4 for 4 on three-point attempts.

BSU built up a 21 point advantage early on in the second half until BYU found some rhythm. A couple of three point shots and a lay-up by Caldwell native Danny Bower diminished that to 11. That's as close as it got, though, as BSU made a run of their own and rebuilt their lead to a more comfortable 16 points.

BSU beat rival Idaho State earlier in the week in Pocatello. The score was 85-68 but the reality wasn't even that close. The Broncos forced the Bengals into numerous turnovers for easy fast break points and some impressive slam dunks.

BSU now stands 4-1 on the season and plays host to Idaho State in the Pavilion tonight. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:35 p.m.

## Broncos split at Dial Classic

by TERRY CHRISTENSEN  
Sports Editor

The past weekend at the Dial Classic provided a bittersweet experience for Boise State University. The Bronco women's basketball team defeated Vermont 70-57 to post their first victory of the season. Up next for BSU was Washington State in the championship game. Boise State dug themselves a hole early, but mounted a furious comeback only to lose 65-57. Seniors Kim Brydges and Kellie Lewis earned all-tournament team honors.

Washington State's Yvonne Kunze garnered the tournament MVP award. She posted 20 points on 9 for 11 shooting against the Broncos. Kunze also pulled down eight rebounds.

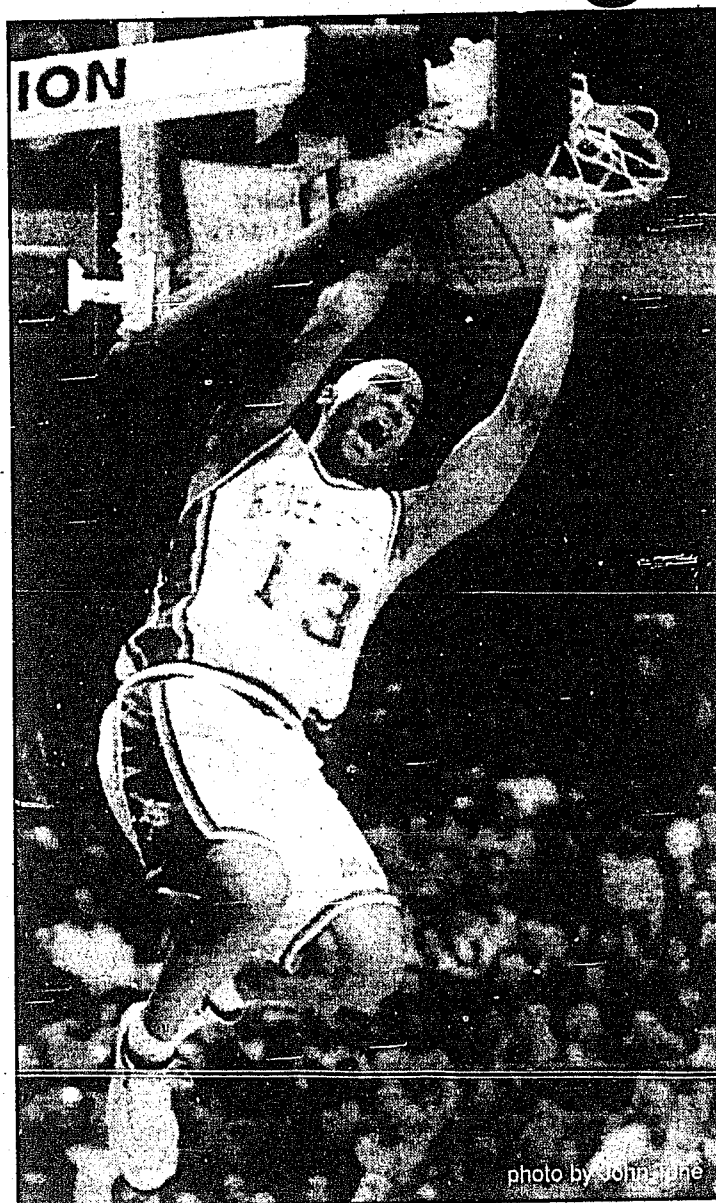
WSU led at half 33-26 thanks in part to Kunze's 15 points. Turnovers and quick fouls intensified a Bronco deficit of 19 points with six minutes left in the contest. From there on out Boise State applied the defensive clamps on the Cougars. They forced Wazzou into turnovers on six straight possessions. Three point bombs by Lewis and Brydges cut the Wazzou lead to four with 31 seconds left in the game. However, free throws from Tricia Lamb and Kennifer Kerns iced it for Washington State.

Boise State's dynamic duo of Kim Brydges and Kellie Lewis accounted for 60% of the offense. Lewis connected on 8-19 shots from the field, including three 3-pointers. Lewis led both teams with five steals. Brydges displayed her usual grit, scoring 16 points while sweeping the glass for six rebounds. She nailed six of eight shots, going perfect from behind the arc with two 3-pointers.

The dynamic duo's stellar effort was a carryover from their game against Vermont. In that match, Brydges led the Bronco charge, hitting on seven of 11 shots for 20 points. She nailed six of seven chances from the charity stripe. Lewis tallied 19 points, including nine of 11 free throw attempts.

Boise State showed their best offensive skills of the year in scoring a season-high 70 points versus the Catamounts. They shot 47% from the field (23-49) and 79% (22-28) from the free throw line. BSU out-muscled Vermont on the boards, yanking down 36 rebounds to the Cats' 33.

Vermont's leading scorer, Karalyn Church, was held to 10 below her average of 25 points per game. Karina Zornow and Carrie Kirvin chipped in nine points a piece.



Kejuan Woods throws it down

photo by John [unclear]

Boise State's record drops to 1-5 on the young season.

The Broncos go on the road again this weekend, tangling with a Cougar of a different kind...BYU. Saturday's tip-off will take place at 3 p.m.

Boise State's annual holiday tournament is scheduled for the weekend of December 20 and 21. The Broncos welcome Cal-State Northridge, USC and first-round opponent Virginia Commonwealth. Opening round games tip off at 5 & 7 p.m.





## Last year for Werner

by DANA HILDEMAN  
Sports Writer

Heather Werner is in her final year with the Boise State Gymnastics team and when the '98 season opens in January her focus will rest on breaking the Bronco floor exercise record. Werner came to BSU four years ago from Battleground, Washington, a small town outside Portland. When she was seven years old, Werner began gymnastics lessons because her older sister participated in the sport. Within a few months she passed her sister's ability level and knew she wanted to make gymnastics part of her life. Werner notes that she forms her own biggest influence, although her parents have always stood behind her. She knew early on that she wanted to participate in college gymnastics.

She trained at Battle Ground High School under Don Freeman and Heather Hostikka. She was a 14-time prep All-American. During her junior year she competed in Australia and New Zealand and in the U.S. high school national championships. In high school, Werner was also a member of the track team during her freshman year, the cheerleading squad as a senior, and the National Honor Society.

BSU interested Werner because of location, the gymnastics program and community support. She walked onto the team in 1995 and averaged a 9.293 on vault and a 9.375 on floor. She was also named the NACGC/W Scholar Athlete for the year. She attended camps during the summer of '96 and accepted a scholarship before her sophomore year.

In 1996, Werner set the school record on floor with a 9.9 on March 23 against Utah State. She went on to take fifth on floor at the NCAA West Regionals and placed fourth on the vault at the National Invitational Tournament. She was also honored as the '96 Big West All-Academic Team member and again a NACGC/W Scholar Athlete. Werner averaged a 9.648 on vault and a 9.331 on bars during 1996.

She lived up to everyone's expectations in 1997 by tying her floor record multiple times and joining the team to claiming the Big West title. One particular accomplishment Werner feels proud of during the '97 season was competing against a former high school teammate now at Southern Utah. Werner beat that teammate by .25 on floor and bar.

As for the 1998 season, personally Werner would like to beat her own floor record and compete all around. The team's goal to make it to the Big West again and getting to nationals.

Werner says it's different being a senior on the team. Her teammates look up to her and realizes there is no one for her to follow. She reflects on the past three years fondly, thriving on the support of the audience and her teammates, and can't wait until the Big West Conference is hosted by BSU in March of '98.

Werner, a senior nursing major, finds time between clinical rounds and practice to volunteer as a CPR instructor and teach first aid. She also enjoys shopping, spending time with friends and riding horses.

Keep your eyes on Werner when the season opens in January. She claims she'll be happy if she breaks her floor record by .25 of a point. So get to a meet and support Werner and the team.

## Name that gymnast

by DANA HILDEMAN  
Sports Writer

Who's the 1996 Big West Academic Athlete of the Year? Who's the Big West Vault Champion? And, who's the National Invitational Tournament All-Around Champion? She's also a Biology and Environmental Studies student who finds time to mountain bike, camp, fish and walk outdoors with her dog.

She's Johanna Evans, a 5'3" senior gymnast for the Broncos, whose favorite event is the uneven parallel bars and best event is the vault.

Evans comes to Boise State University from a small town near Coeur d'Alene, ID., where she grew up with an older brother and sister.

In 1987, Evans began taking gymnastics lessons with a friend who is currently a senior gymnast at UCLA. Evans trained at Lake City Gymnastics Club under Don Gardiner. She qualified for the Junior Olympic Nationals in 1994, was the Idaho All-Around Champion in 1990, 1991, 1993 and 1994. She was second in the all-around at the USAIGC National Championship in 1992.

Evans has also succeeded in other ventures. During high school, Evans competed for three years in varsity track and was valedictorian of her graduating class.

BSU appealed to Evans because of in-state location, the community and the support of athletics.

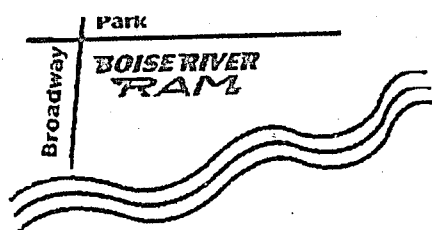
As a walk-on, Evans earned a scholarship during her freshman year, 1995. She averaged a 9.7 on vault, 9.308 on bars, 9.495 on beam and 9.517 on floor. She was also honored as a NACGC/W Scholar Athlete.

In 1996, Evans was voted Big West Gymnast of the Year by conference coaches after winning the all-around at the league meet with a score of 39.025. She ranked ninth on vault at the NCAA West Regional Championship and 16th all-around at the NIT. Evans was also honored as the Big West All-Academic Team Member and NACGC/W Scholar Athlete.

Evans kicked off the 1997 season watching from the side. She was injured for the first month, but made a comeback and along with the team participated and earned awards at the Big West Conference.

Evans' biggest goal for the year is to remain healthy and consistent. She'd love to see the team make it to the Big West Conference again. She feels hopeful that the team will make it to nationals since this is her last year.

Evans offer thanks to the coaches who have provided motivational support and to the team, which she credits with constantly providing her with emotional support.



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# BRONCO BRIEFS

by TERRY CHRISTENSEN  
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In the final edition of the semester we leave with many interesting thoughts for the holiday season:

\* Will Houston Nutt return as head coach of the Boise State football team? Nutt spent part of last week interviewing for the top Hog position at the University of Arkansas. The Little Rock native is said to be the odds-on favorite to replace the fired Danny Ford. Arkansas athletic director Frank Broyles (a long time personal friend of Nutt's) claims he will interview three other candidates before making a decision.

\* If Nutt leaves, will the next football coach share the same focus on education as his predecessor? Four members of the football team were named to the Big West All-Academic team.

\* Will the intramurals women's flag football team BABS win the national championship? They made it to the finals last season, and are in New Orleans making a run at the title again.

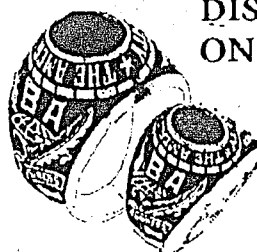
\* Bronco forward Justin Lyons suffered a second-degree tear of the medial cruciate ligament in BSU's win over Idaho State. The senior from Tucson, Arizona looks to be sidelined 4-6 weeks.

\* Will fans feel excited about the teams selected for the Humanitarian Bowl? Utah State, which won the Big West title but will lose their head coach (John L. Smith takes the reins at Louisville), takes on Cincinnati. The bowl committee courted the likes of BYU, Utah and Oregon, but selected the 7-4 Bearcats from Conference USA. They have not competed in a bowl game in over 40 years and agreed to purchase 10,000 tickets. Boise State and Cincinnati will also play home-and-home basketball contests.



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